

when he offered him all the kingdoms of the world for a bend of the knee! The simple life for the Christ! The simple life for the Christian! Christ and Christian living the life of the master-man. Not matter, though the wealth of the world may be had with its pleasure and power! But mind, that one may discern the beauty of holiness! But moral, that one may display the beauty of holiness!

Then gaze upon this panel of spiritual separation. The interpreter of the mysteries of the Holy of Holies, in his description of the only and ever-living High Priest, grounded his right to stand continually in the presence of God on his separation from sinners. Not separation in the physical, for he was in the world jostling and jostled by the surging mass of unclean that thronged the highways and byways of that populous period. The woman of the street wiped his feet with her hair, the woman of the well watered him where Jacob drank, the woman of the bloody issue touched the border of his garment. Between leper and lecher, possessed and publican, traitor and thief, he trod the pathway of victory over sin, in separation from sinners in the spiritual. Separation in the spiritual means separation in thought. Bumping backs and breasts with the sons of Belial but thinking the thoughts of the sons of God. Would the Christ convert his intellect into a trough for the slop and slush of the swineherd? No; only the things that were beautiful and true and good flooded the reservoirs of the master-mind. Rubbing against the fluttering moths of pride and prejudice and passion, but swayed in his onward and upward and heavenly aspirations by humility and patience and chastity alone. Would the Christ fan the desires of the voluptuary until his heart was aflame with the passions of lust? No; he stood out and up and apart, the sublime moral Colossus of his age. He strode in the walk of the wicked, yet walked not in the paths of sin. The master-man with head and heart high above the miasma of mortal-man. Running aneck in the race with the worldlings of the Augustan age, he watched a Herod sell his soul for incest with a sister, a Judas his Saviour for the shining of Sadducean silver, a Pilate the Prince of Peace for a tid-bit of Herodian truculency, and with a conscience convulsion he chasmed a breach betwixt such mad-men and the master-man by the bursting of his own heart, that a thief might be saved and sent into the glory-land of God. What concord hath Christ with the sons of Belial? Come out from among them and be separate, for the Christ and the Christian!

And gaze upon the panel of sweet sympathy. When the frocked followers of the current ceremonialism gathered their garments in tighter folds, for fear of pollution from the passing publican, the Christ with hilarious iconoclasm dashed down their ignoble ideas by sitting and supping with publicans and sinners. When the learned in the Law and the Prophets, Sadducee or Pharisee, thought it the thing supernal to sit within the courts of the Temple and spin casuistical interpretations, he was found with the sick of Bethesda, touched with their infirmities and affording them freedom from every impotency. When prophet and priest

would not be satisfied until they taught beneath the towers of the great town, he passed from village to village preaching the gospel of the kingdom; and when he saw the sheep scattered abroad having no shepherd He was moved with compassion on them. He was indeed the man Great-Heart, in the world not to be ministered unto but to minister. Sharing his sympathy with the woman of sin at the feast of the Pharisee. Lifting the burden of the woman of sorrows at the well of Samaria. Drying the tears of the widow of Nain with a touch of compassion and a word of sweet sympathy. Weeping, yea weeping the tears of a man, with the sisters of him whom he loved. Behold the master-man of the ages treading the pathway of life plucking and planting! Plucking the rue and planting the rose. No wonder that a million men and millions more are enraptured with his work and way.

The Christ and the Christian are one. The imperative of inspiration is that the branch bring forth the fruit of the vine, that the bride be garbed in the garments of the groom, that the life of the Christ be the life of the Christian. It is imperative that the grace of godliness—God-likeness—be the ruling principle of the overcoming life. Men, I have written unto you because we are the sons of God. Men, we are the sons of God because we are one with the Son of God. In the Son of God we live and move and have our being. "Beloved, we are the sons of God right now; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure."

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TESTIMONIES TO MISSIONS.

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Li Hung Chang, before his death, was pronounced "the greatest living Asiatic." Gen. U. S. Grant, on his return from his tour around the world, said that he had met three pre-eminently great statesmen. Li Hung Chang was one of the three. For many years he was prominent in Chinese official circles, and was possessed of broad and accurate information in regard to affairs in China.

When Bishop Hendrix visited China in the interest of the Mission Work of his Church he was accorded an interview with Li Hung Chang in his palace in Peking. Through the bishop the prince sent to the American churches this message: "Say to the American people, for me, Send over more men for the schools and hospitals, and I hope to be in a position both to aid and to protect them." When told how many American missionaries there were in China he said, "More are needed," and, after a moment's reflection, he repeated, "More are needed."

When he came to America as Chinese ambassador, Prince Li was tendered an address of welcome by various missionary societies doing work in China. In his response to that address he wrote:

"Gentlemen: It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the grateful welcome to this country offered to me by you as representatives of various boards and